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As required by the Clean Water Act (CWA), the seven Colorado River Basin States adopted salinity water quality standards for the entire Colorado River Basin within the United States in 1975. Also to comply with the CWA, the states, through the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum (Forum), have reviewed these standards every three years.

The *Draft 2008 Review—Water Quality Standards for Salinity, Colorado River System* is now available for public review and comment. In general, the findings of the *Draft 2008 Review* are that (1) salinity concentrations in the Colorado River are below the numeric criteria; (2) there is little chance of concentrations in the near term exceeding the numeric criteria; and (3) there is no need to change the numeric criteria. The *Draft 2008 Review* also finds that the salinity load in the river has been reduced by 1,080,100 tons/year; and with the proposed plan of implementation, the salinity load would be reduced by 1,864,600 tons/year by 2030. With the plan of implementation in place, the probability of exceeding the numeric criteria below Hoover Dam, below Parker Dam or at Imperial Dam in 2030 is 3% or less. Damages due to the use of Colorado River water in the Lower Basin remain high. The Forum and the states intend to continue their support of an aggressive salinity control program.

The *Draft 2008 Review* is available at the following venues:

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection,
Bureau of Water Quality Planning
901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 3004
Carson City, Nevada 89701
http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm#water_q

www.ColoradoRiverSalinity.org

Comments should be submitted by September 5, 2008. Questions or comments should be directed to:

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